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1.	This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☐ the description:

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☐ the claims:

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☐ the drawings:

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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages
☐ the claims, Nos.
☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability:
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1 - 56	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1 - 56	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 - 56	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Novelty (N) and Inventive Step (IS)

The documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1) GB 2144358

D2) SU 567235

D3) EP 0550256

D4) US 4763504

The claimed invention relates to an apparatus/ method for reducing the diameter, rounding or straightening a pipe. The cited documents disclose a similar apparatus/ method but none of them discloses all the essential features of the invention, in particular, a supporting cylinder for rotationally supporting the rollers.

The claims 1- 56 are novel and considered to involve an inventive step.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. ⁷: B21B 19/06, 19/10, 37/78, B21D 3/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WPAT (IPC marks: B21B 19/06, 19/10, 37/78, B21D 3/04 and keywords: skew, roller, reduce diameter and like terms)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	GB 2144358 A (STANDARD TELEPHONES AND CABLE PLC) 6 March 1985 Abstract	1 - 56
A	Derwent Abstract Accession No. 85-120692/20, Class P52 SU 567235 A (LEVITAN) 7 December 1984 Abstract	1 - 56
A	EP 0550256 B (SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD) 7 July 1993 Figure 7	1 - 56
A	US 4763504 A (NILSSON) 16 August 1988 Abstract	1 - 56

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C

☒ See patent family annex

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- "E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date
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- "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

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- "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
- "Z" document member of the same patent family

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International application No.

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member			
GB	2144358				
SU	567235				
EP	0550256	JP	5177220	JP	5277511
				US	5477719
US	4763504	US	4494394	US	4711112
Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001.					
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